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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE STATE 309651 ON PROTOCOL PRACTICES WITH COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEFS, IT MAY BE WORTH POINTING OUT THAT DESCRIPTION IN LAST SENTENCE OF WHAT AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW DOES DIVERGES FROM RECENT EXPERIENCE HERE. AS FAR BACK AS WE CAN REMEMBER, SOVIETS HAVE NOT ASSEMBLED FULL DIPLOMATIC CORPS FOR PARTY CHIEF'S DEPARTURES/RETURNS ABROAD, SO THAT AMERICAN AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE HAS NOT ATTENDED SUCH ASSEMBLIES. RATHER THEY INVITE CHIEFS OF MISSION FOR DEPARTURES TO AND RETURNS FROM THEIR COUNTRIES (OR FOR MEETINGS WITH THEIR LEADERS) BY PARTY CHIEFS AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT TYPES ALIKE. IN RECENT YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN BREZHNEV AND GROMYKO OFF TO AND BACK FROM THE U.S., AND BREZHNEV OFF TO VLADIVOSTOK TO MEET PRESIDENT. WE - AND DIP CORPS IN GENERAL - HAVE NOT BEEN INVITED TO GO TO AIRPORT FOR BREZHNEV'S DEPARTURES AND RETURNS WHEN U.S. NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE TRIP.

2. MRS. HERTHA SEIDMAN, AND AMERICAN CITIZEN HERE ON A TOURIST VISA TO VISIT LENINGRAD, MINSK, KIEV AND MOSCOW,
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HAD ALL HER NOTES CONFISCATED BY THE AUTHORITIES AT KIEV AIRPORT AS SHE WAS ABOUT TO GET ON THE PLANE FOR MOSCOW DECEMBER 30. THE AUTHORITIES DETAINED HER AT THE AIRPORT FOR SIX HOURS, REFUSED TO CALL THE KIEV ADVANCE PARTY, AND REQUIRED HER TO STRIP AND SUBMIT TO A SEARCH. THE NOTES CONTAINED THE ADDRESSES AND NAMES OF A GOOD MANY REFUSENIKS AS WELL AS NOTES ABOUT THEM AND ON HT

SITUATION OF SOVIET JEWRY. MRS. SEIDMAN, WHO WAS THE
SUBJECT OF A LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN KOCH TO AMBASSADOR
TOON AND HAS CLOSE RELATIONS FITH SENATOR-ELECT MOYNIHAN,
TOLD US DECEMBER 31 OF THE TROUBLES SHE HAD HAD. SHE MAKES
CLEAR THAT SHE IS NOT AT ALL ANGRY AT ANY STEPS THAT THE
EMBASSY MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE TAKEN, BUT IS MOST PUT OUT
AT THE TREATMENT SHE RECEIVED FROM THE SOVIETS. SHE
INTENDS TO RAISE A STINK AS SOON AS SHE GETS BACK TO THE
USA, ON JANUARY 4 OR 5.
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